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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Gilles H. TAPOLSKY and David W. OSBORNE

Serial No.:

09/069,703

Filing Date:

April 29, 1998

For:

PHARMACEUTICAL CARRIER

DEVICE SUITABLE FOR DELIVERY

OF PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDS TO MUCOSAL

SURFACES

Examiner: Edward J. Webman

Group Art Unit: 1617

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the first Office action dated October 13, 1999. This extension will extend the time the response is due from November 12, 1999 to February 12, 2005.

A three month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$435.00.

A check in the amount of \$435.00 is enclosed.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. <u>35987200821</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 12, 2000

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